Flourishing Organ Trade

27. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is amerging as the largest and fastest growing international Market for Organ trade as per the news-item entitled "Flourishing organ Trade", which appeared in the Times of India, dated 26th May, 1992;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether Government have conducted any inquiry into the allegations; if so, what are the finding thereof; and

(d) what remedial steps Government have taken/proposed to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) The Government have seen the news item entitled "Flourishing Organ Trade", which appeared in Times of India, dated 26th May, 1992, and, are aware of the illicit trading in human organs in the country.

(b) The Government have no reliable details in this regard.

(c) and (d) Reports received are invariably taken up with the State Government. With a view to regulate the trading in human organs, the Government is contemplating enactment of a comprehensive legislation which will be applicable throughout the country. The proposed legislation, *inter alia*, includes provision to empower the Government to notify hospitals having necessary infrastructure for the purpose of removal of human organs and carrying out transplantations, bannial sale of human organs for valuable considerations and promoting voluntary donation of human organs from living persons to near relatives only.

Committee for Prevention of Water Borne Diseases

28. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have constituted a committee in oversee and monitor the steps taken in the Capital (Delhi) to prevent and tackle the spread of cholera, gastroenteritis and allied diseases during the current year; if so, what are the terms of reference; and

(b) what progress has so far been made by the committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARATHA): (a) Yes, Sir. The terms of reference of the Committee are:—

(i) to periodically assess the position regarding the reported outbreak of cholera and gastroenteritis in Delhi,

(ii) to suggest suitable remedial actions to be taken by the concerned agencies to curb the menance; and

(iii) to evaluate and monitor the progress of the necessary remedial action as may be decided upon from time to time.

(b) The Commitee met on 15-6-92 and reviewed the position and the measures adopted as per decisions taken in the two earlier meetings held on 21-5 92 and 29-5-92 for controlling the outbreak. The Committee decided to continue with the various preventive and remedial measures more vigorously, particularly keeping in mind the coming monsoon season.

Spreading of Water Borne Diseases

29. SHRI RAJUBAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report which appeared in the Hindustan Times dated 31st May, 1992, captioned "Cholera exposes callousness";

(b) if so, whether in the light of this report, Government have looked into the adequacy or otherwise of the steps taken to prevent spread of Cholera in Delhi in the light of the experience of outbreak of cholera and other water-borne diseases in 1988; and

(c) what steps are being taken in the light of the heavy toll taken in the Capital during 1988 by these diseases on the eve of and during the summer/monsoon months and how far the same fell short of requirement ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The situation was reviewed by the Union Health Secretary in meetings held on 21-5-92 and 29-5-92 with the concerned officials of Delhi Administration, Delhi Municipal Corporation, New Delhi Municipal Committee and Directorate General of Health Services and decisions were taken for comprehensive remedial action for prevent and containment of the outbreak.

The following measures to control water borne diseases are being taken with particular emphasis in J. J. Cluster/re-settlement colonies :

1. Provision of safe drinking water in adequate quantity in all vulnerable areas.
2. Dissemination of appropriate health education through various channels.
3. Surveillance & continuous monitoring of water borne diseases.
4. Regular removal of garbage and desilting of drains.
5. Distribution of chlorine tablets and O.R.S. packets.
6. Ban on sale of exposed/cut fruits and other unhygenic food items.

A Committee has since been constituted under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Health) to periodically assess the position and to evaluate & monitor the progress of remedial action taken.

Incidence of Malaria in Vasant Kunj

30. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report which appeared in the Indian Express dated 25th June, 1992 about the incidence of Malaria in Vasant Kunj, New Delhi ;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government against the Civic Authorities responsible for giving misleading information about the incidence of Malaria ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes.

(b) A team of Malaria workers from the Municipal Corporation of Delhi deployed to investigate and take necessary containment measures as under :—

1. Mass survey of the area, collection of blood slides from fever cases.
2. Anti-Malarial measures were intensified and BHC residual spray was carried out in labour huts.
3. Indoor Pyrethrum spray was carried out in the positive case house and 50 houses around it.

(c) Does not arise.

Appalling Conditions in the G.T.B. Hospital, Delhi

31. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV :
SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report which appeared in the Indian Express dated 14th June 1992, regarding appalling conditions in the Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital, Delhi,